Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* There is something wrong somewhere, some catch.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The catch is only this. There are two interests to be served. It goes through an agricultural land to which there is no proper water supply and the water which the canal contains is also used for irrigation purposes. Unless you replenish that water there will be no supply of water in the canal.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will it not at least help the agriculturists, and for nine or ten months in the year will there not be enough water for boats to pass through?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* But the Karanchira bund will have to be put up in Vrischigam. Therefore all articles will have to be transported across the bund thereafter.

Mr. N. Govinda Pai *(Nominated):* Even that will be cheaper than carrying it through lorries.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Does the agreement with the railway company stand in the way of opening this canal?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The railway company has nothing to do with this.

Mr. Deputy President : Are you pressing the motion ?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Yes.

The motion was put and carried.

Cut Motion No. 29.

To deepen the Canal from the Mala landing place.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Sir, I move *to reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,08,200 for Communications Original by Re. 1.* My object in moving the cut motion is *to request the Government to deepen the canal from the Mala landing place up to the Travancore boundaries in the year 1115.* Sir, last year I moved a cut motion with regard, to the same matter and the hon'ble member for Public Works promised that it will be taken up this year. I am very thankful to him for having done a part of the work, namely, deepening the basin. Nearly Rs. 3,000 have been spent upon improving the landing place and the basin near the landing place. But the pity of it is, for three miles boats cannot come and stand apart. Therefore my submission is that the whole amount of Rs. 3,000 spent there is a complete wastage during the summer time. I am sure the Chief Engineer has realised the importance of the problem. I hope the Government will undertake this work in 1115.

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Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Sir, I second it.

*__Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon__ *(Chief Engineer):* The question of deepening the canal leading to the Mala landing place was brought before this House last year and probably due to my not understanding it properly, I provided a sum of Rs. 4,000 for improvements to the landing place, which I thought was the most necessary work for that area. Now I have found that some portion 2½ miles of canal is shallow and for that I have submitted estimates for Rs. 5,000. I shall see if funds could be made available for this in 1115 and if it is possible to send my dredger over there for the work. I shall do what is possible in the matter.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Sir, on that assurance, I beg leave of the House to withdraw the motion.

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

Cut Motion No. 30.

To take up the construction of the Canal between the Manapilly and Cherai jetties.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Sir I move *to reduce the allotment of Rs. 73,500 for Irrigation by Re. 1.* The object of this cut is *to call the attention of the Government to the long delay in taking up the construction of the canal between the Manapilly and Cherai jetties for the irrigation of the Puthanpadom nilams in the villages of Pallippuram and Kuzhupilli.* This particular scheme is a fairly unhappy one, because it is opposed not only by the Engineering Department but also by the hon'ble member in charge of Revenue. Apart from the opposition of the Government not taking up the scheme by them, I have got to submit to this House that this has got a very ancient history behind it. This scheme was originated in the time of Diwan Sir Joseph Bhore and then it was, after elaborate investigation, decided that there was urgent and vital necessity for the opening of a canal for the proper irrigation of the Puthenpadom nilams lying to the west of Ayyampilli and Pallippuram, which generally on an average bring in a revenue of about Rs. 3,500 to the Government by way of land tax. Subsequently the matter was taken up before Diwan Sir T. Vijayaraghavacharya who appreciated the necessity for the opening of this canal and it used to be an annual feature before every Diwan since then. Ultimately, in the time of Diwan Narayana Menon, the sanction of the Government was obtained and there the scheme stopped for some time. The inhabitants of the area who have been suffering owing to lack of a good sized canal for the proper irrigation of their lands, have been memorialising the Government for a long time now. There has been a general reluctance on the part of the Government to embark upon this scheme, the reasons being unknown.

*Speech not corrected by the hon'ble member.

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